GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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DAMAGE TO NH DUE TO RAIN/FLOOD WATER
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to know the position of national highways after heavy rains and flood water in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the highways which are damaged, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has earmarked any budgetary allocation in this regard;

(d) if so, the fund granted for repair and maintenance of National Highways, State-wise;

(e) the steps taken to repair the same;

(f) whether insufficient ventage/ causeway provided at different locations of National Highways particularly on NH-60 in Orissa, has caused loss of life, crops and properties due to rain and flood; and

(g) if so, measures taken to prevent such losses?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (e) The State-wise details of the National Highways entrusted with the State Governments and Border Roads Organization, which have been damaged due to heavy rains and floods and steps taken for their repair are annexed at Annexure-I. For the National Highways entrusted with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), the repair of the damaged portions are taken up immediately through the Civil / Operation & Maintenance Contractors / Concessionaires as part of their obligations under contract / concession agreements; in case of sections identified under National Highways Development Project (NHDP), improvements of which have not started, the assessment / estimation of damages of existing roads are carried out by State Public Works Departments through NHAI. The details of the fund allocated to the States and NHAI for repair and maintenance of the National Highways are annexed at Annexure-II.

(f) No loss of life, crops and properties have been reported in the State of Orissa during rain and flood due to insufficient ventage/ causeway provided at different locations of National Highways.

(g) Does not arise.